How to Apply for the ACP

Make sure that you meet the ACP eligibility requirements. Eligibility requirements are provided on this website under, "Program Eligibility."

Those interested in enrolling in the ACP must meet with an Application Assistant. Application Assistants provide survivor services and are trained and registered by the ACP. There are over 300 Application Assistants throughout Colorado. A listing of Application Assistants and enrolling agencies can be found on this website under "Application Centers." Since the ACP is intended to be part of a larger, more comprehensive safety plan, the agency that assisted with your initial safety plan is usually the best place to start.

First, contact the application centers to make sure that an Application Assistant can meet with you. Ask what you should bring to the meeting.

If you and your Application Assistant decide that enrolling in the program should be a part of your overall safety plan, then the Application Assistant will help you complete the enrollment forms and will send the completed forms to the ACP office. Anyone who lives in the household of the primary victim can also be enrolled in the program, but anyone aged 18 or over must sign the application forms agreeing to the enrollment conditions.

After the ACP office receives the application, we review the application forms and if they are properly completed, you and any other enrolling household members will be certified as ACP participants for a four-year term. The ACP usually processes new applications within 24-48 hours of receipt.

The ACP then assigns your household a substitute address and sends a "welcome packet." The welcome packet contains an ACP authorization card for each member of the household, ACP voter registration forms, county residency letters (for use with county-based services), and instructions for using the program. You may begin using your new substitute address immediately.